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On 29 July 1951 two sections of the pro-Cominform (Vidali) Communist Party held a plenum in San Dorligo della Valle, a village in Zone A of the Free Territory of Trieste. Directives on the elections in Trieste were issued by Franc Bolcina, chief of the Party section in Opicina. The following is a resume of the speech given by Bolcina:


1. "In San Dorligo della Valle and Muggia we are in a position to acquire a list of those people who will enjoy the right to vote in the next election. The list includes those who had the right to vote at the last elections and those who have since acquired the right. We are not sure of obtaining the lists for Trieste, Aurisina and Zgonico because those communes are dominated by opposing parties.
2. "We shall form within a short time a secret committee, to be composed of outstanding and trusted elements from the two sections. They will study the list of voters and mark them as follows: Communists will be marked with a C; Titoists with T; 'Independentists' with I; Demo-Christians with D, and so on, with the exception of unattached voters with no particular party affiliations which will be left blank.
3. "The committees will turn over the marked lists to the best men in the cells who will be held responsible for preventing the lists from falling into enemy hands or come to the enemy's attention. Cell members will then assign undecided people to different cell members. The duty of the cell members will consist of calling on those who appear to be undecided and explaining to them what Communist community leaders in San Dorligo della Valle have done for the people in comparison to their predecessors. Our objectives should be explained to them i.e., peace, the independence of Trieste, the improvement of the workers' and farmers' standard of living, et cetera. Cell members should not bother with people who definitely belong to one party or another. It is repeated: this work is secret.
4. "We must work harder for these elections than we did in former elections. The Titoists and 'Independentists' were never as well organized, and the Demo-Christians were never as organized in the villages as they are now. Those parties have men visiting the homes; they distribute press

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material and circulars; and they spread propaganda by word of mouth. We need not fear their activity because we have assembled statistics with which to unmask them. They were not well organized the last time and we too did not have enough propaganda material and compromising data. This time we are well prepared."

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